MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Yes.

*The Nagampadam Bridge.*

30. MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the present condition of the Nagampadam bridge in the Kottayam town;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the dangers and annoyance the public are put to on account of the bridge being decked only to half its width;

(*c*) why this curious method was adopted in the case of the Nagampadam bridge;

(*d*) whether the Chief Engineer submitted an estimate for decking the remaining half also and whether they have sanctioned the estimate; and

(*e*) whether they will direct the Public Works Department to expedite the work of decking the bridge to its full width?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) To save excessive cost on account of the very high price of iron materials at the time the work was executed.

(*d*) Yes; the Government have sanctioned an estimate for Rs. 10,690 for the work.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): May I know whether the Government have instructed the Chief Engineer to push on with the work this year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

*Changanachery Municipality.*

31. MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): (1) Are the Government aware that the Changanachery Municipal Council spent municipal funds last year for watering the roads within the municipal area?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and lay on the table a statement of the amount spent for watering roads, the mileage of roads watered, the description of the roads, and also whether some of the roads watered were not such as were not ordinarily used for wheeled traffic?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state whether scavenging has been introduced in the Municipality?

(4) Are the Government aware that the sanitary condition of the Changanachery market is far from being satisfactory?

(5) Will the Government call for a report of the condition of sanitation in the Changanachery market either from the Sanitary Commissioner or the Municipality and lay the same on the table?

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(6) Will the Government be pleased to enquire what action the Municipality took in regard to a letter addressed to the Municipal President by Mr. Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai (M. L. C.), a ratepayer, who inspected the market, regarding the utter neglect of the sanitation of the market by the Municipality?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) A sum of Rs. 616-20-12 was spent in 1101. Final accounts are not closed.

The following roads with a total length of 4 miles were watered:—

(i) the Vazhur road from the market landing to Parayil church,

(ii) the M. C. road from Mattumula to the gate of the N. S. S. High School, and

(iii) the road (southern) from the market landing to the Municipal office.

It is reported that all these roads are ordinarily used for wheeled traffic.

(3) No.

(4) The President reports that the sanitary condition of the Municipal market is not far from satisfactory.

(5) Reports have already been called for by the Government from the Municipality and the Sanitary Commissioner on the matter. The reports of the sub-committees appointed by the Municipal Council on the questions of drainage and of the introduction of private scavenging system in the town promised by the President are awaited by the Government.

(6) The President reports that there is no neglect on the part of the Municipality in regard to the sanitation of the market as stated by Mr. Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai and that the Council is taking all possible steps to make the sanitation of the town efficient.

**MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): In regard to part (5) of the answer, will the Government be pleased to place on the table the reports that have been received?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): The reports have not yet been received. After receiving the report, the Government will first have to go through them. The question of placing them on the table will then be considered.

**MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know when the sub-committees referred to were appointed?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to hear the member.

**MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*): May I know when the sub-committees referred to in the answer were appointed?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): They were appointed some time before the member sent in his representation to the President.

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MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): How long before?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to give that information exactly.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): When did the Municipality receive the reports of the sub-committees?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): All that I am unable to say. The Government will ask the President about it.

*Engagement of Mr. Madeley for Trivandrum Water Works.*

32. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state the terms on which expert opinion is proposed to be had from Mr. Madeley regarding water-supply to the Trivandrum town?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. Madeley's expert opinion on the scheme has already been taken and paid for.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was there any agreement between the Government and Mr. Madeley?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a letter from the Government asking for his services and also a letter of acknowledgment from him offering his services and stating the terms.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I wanted to know the terms of the agreement with him.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member wanted to know the terms on which expert opinion '*is proposed to be had.*'

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Full information on the matter was not available to us. That is the reason why I worded my question thus.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government thought that the member was under the impression that the Government were proposing to get expert opinion from him *once again*.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was there any agreement with Mr. Madeley when his expert opinion was asked for?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already stated that. The Government asked for his services and he replied stating his terms.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table his terms?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I can mention them now if the member desires to have them.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Yes; I wish to know the terms.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I suppose he wants to know only the financial aspect of the terms.

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